

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 91 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend claims 36, 42, 47, 62, 65, 68, 73, 88, 89 and 90 as follows.

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36. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for an ink jet printer, comprising:

a housing containing ink;

an ink supply port formed on a wall of said housing at an offset position; and

at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to and apart from said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with a projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the printer, wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with an ink supply needle of the printer prior to the insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port.

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42. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for an ink jet printer comprising

a housing containing ink;

an ink supply port formed on a wall of said housing at an offset position; and

at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to and apart from said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with a projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the printer, wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with an ink supply needle of the

C2 *Sub* *Cont* *cont* printer prior to the insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port, wherein said engaging recess comprises an odd number of engaging recesses.

C3 *Sub* *DS* 47 (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for an ink jet printer comprising:
a housing containing ink;
an ink supply port formed on a wall of said housing; and
at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to and apart from said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with a projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the printer, wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with an ink supply needle of the printer prior to the insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port, wherein said engaging recess is rectangular in cross section.

C4 *Sub* *DS* *Cont* 62 (Twice Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:
a carriage, said carriage having a projecting member and an ink supply needle extending therefrom;
a print head including a plurality of nozzles through which ink is ejected mounted on said carriage;
an ink cartridge, said ink cartridge being mounted on the carriage and, said ink cartridge comprising:
a housing having at least one wall;
an ink supply port formed on the wall of said housing at an offset position; and

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at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with the projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the carriage wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with the ink supply needle prior to insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port.

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65. (Thrice Amended) The printer of claim 64, wherein said abutment member includes a part of said wall of said housing where said engaging recess is not formed.

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68. (Thrice Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:

a carriage, said carriage having a projecting member and an ink supply needle extending therefrom;

a print head including a plurality of nozzles through which ink is ejected mounted on said carriage;

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an ink cartridge, said ink cartridge being mounted on the carriage and, said ink cartridge comprising:

a housing having at least one wall;

an ink supply port formed on the wall of said housing; and

at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with the projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the carriage wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with the ink supply needle prior to insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port, wherein said engaging recess comprises an odd number of engaging recesses.

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7B. (Thrice Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:

a carriage, said carriage having a projecting member and an ink supply needle extending therefrom;

a print head including a plurality of nozzles through which ink is ejected mounted on said carriage;

an ink cartridge, said ink cartridge being mounted on the carriage and, said ink cartridge comprising:

a housing having at least one wall;

an ink supply port formed on the wall of said housing; and

at least one engaging recess formed in the wall of said housing adjacent to said ink supply port, said engaging recess being engageable with the projecting member of the printer when the ink cartridge is mounted on the carriage wherein the engaging recess and the projecting member of the printer align the ink supply port with the ink supply needle prior to insertion of the ink needle into the ink supply port, wherein said engaging recess is rectangular in cross section.

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88. (Twice Amended) The ink jet printer of claim 87, wherein said engaging recess is engageable after said film is removed.

89. (Twice Amended) The ink jet printer of claim 87, further comprising a mounting lever mounted on the carriage wherein the member of the carriage comprises a projection projecting from the mounting lever.